

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 8-18, 21 and 22 are pending in the present Application. Claims 1, 6 and 22 are presently amended. Claim 1 has been amended to better define the invention. Claim 6 has been amended to provide the proper antecedent basis. Claim 22 has been amended to correct for an inadvertent typographical error.

Claim Objections

Claim 22 has been objected to because of the following informalities. (see page 2 of the Office Action dated 05-07-2010) In making the rejection, the Examiner has stated that "[I]n Claim 22 (line 2), should "at least one or" be "at least one catalyst or..." (see page 2 of the Office Action dated 05-07-2010)

Claim 22 has been amended as per the Examiner's suggestion. The Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection and allowance of the claims.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 6 and 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly unpatentable over Kennedy, U.S. Patent No. 7,071,277 (hereinafter "Kennedy") in view of Hardman, "Silicones, Encyclopedia of Polymer Science and Engineering, 2nd Ed., John Wiley & Sons, Inc. vol. 15, page 252, 1989" (hereinafter "Hardman"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The Examiner has indicated that Claim 21 is allowable. The Applicants have therefore amended Claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of Claim 21. Claim 1 is therefore allowable over Kennedy in view of Hardman.

Claim 1 and those claims dependent from it should therefore be allowable to the Applicants. The Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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